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Albania

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SUBJECT

Albanian Coastal Patrol Boats
in Durres

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SOURCE EVALUATIONS ARE DEFINITIVE. APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.

1. [redacted] two Albanian patrol boats of identical type [redacted] were berthed at the marine pier in the northeastern portion of the Durres Harbor basin. The boats apparently carried no armament. Boat traffic was observed at 40° 17' 10" N/19° 30' 54" E at the mouth of the irrigation canal. On one occasion, naval cutters (gigs) [redacted] approached 25X1 by means of a tug and pulled on the road. The boat's crew wore naval clothes according to Soviet pattern. All Albanian vessels, fishing cutters, patrol boats, and naval cutters flew the Albanian flag which showed a red, black, and red vertical stripe with a yellow-bordered, red Soviet star in the center of the Black stripe.
2. [redacted] a patrol boat, identical to the boat at the marine pier, left the harbor towing a sea target and entered the harbor again in the evening. The boat proceeded on a southern course; no firing practices were observed. [redacted] 25X1

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Comment: The few naval vessels and little training activity in Durres Harbor again indicate that the harbor is primarily used as commercial harbor.

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